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ABSTRACT

The process of Internet resource discovery and evaluation is extremely difficult due to low quality of information, constant changes, and primitive searching tools. The subject-oriented resource guides presented in this book make independent resource discovery and evaluation possible, and serve as reference sources to enable users to maximize use of the Internet and its information. Instead of providing long and general lists of all known Gophers, Usenet newsgroups, or World Wide Web servers like many other books do, this guide describes and evaluates the Internet's resources by subject, so readers with a specific area of interest will find relevant Internet resources assembled in a single, easy-to-use chapter. Parts I and II offer instruction in various Internet skills: Internet addresses; clients and servers; navigating tools and resources; communicating with individuals and groups; searching for files to FTP (Archie); searching for Gopher resources (Veronica); Wide Area Information Servers (WAIS); building your own subject-oriented guide; and the Clearinghouse for Subject-Oriented Internet Resource Guides. Part III provides 18 subject-specific guides in various topics in business and the social sciences such as: archaeology, German history, Latin American studies, law, operations research, and women's studies. (MAS)

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